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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to define controlling the search for an original file using edited additional information when it is determined that the search is not possible. These claims further define determines whether the search of the original file is possible based on the read additional information. No new matter has been introduced.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as unpatentable over Nagata (USPGP 2002/0082027). Applicant traverses this rejection at least to the extent that Nagata would not have disclosed or taught determining whether the access destination information is obtainable, and prompting the editing of the access destination information if it is not obtainable.

Specifically, each of independent claims 1, 7, and 13 calls for searching an original file corresponding to an input image signal based on the additional image read from the input image signal. These claims further call for determining whether the search of the original file is possible based on read additional information, and prompting editing of the additional information. See page 33, the first full paragraph, of the present specification. The search for the original file is made using the edited additional information when it is determined that the search is not possible. This allows the user to edit the additional information immediately to continue with the search based on the edited additional information.

Nagata discloses obtaining a label information, which corresponds to the original file of the present invention, based on the access destination information affixed to a label of a wine bottle. Nagata, however, is completely silent regarding determining whether the label information is obtainable based on the access destination information, let alone prompting the editing of the access destination information when the label information is not obtainable. Nagata further would not have disclosed or taught continuing the search with edited access destination information. Accordingly, Nagata would not have disclosed or taught the claimed invention.

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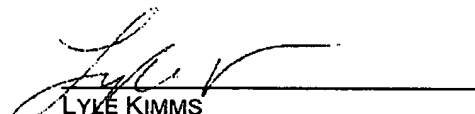
Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-13 patentably distinguish over the applied reference and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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